

Compound or Complex?

7b. A **compound sentence** contains two or more independent clauses and no subordinate clauses.

7c. A **complex sentence** contains one independent clause and at least one subordinate clause.

INDEPENDENT CLAUSE My mom drinks coffee

SUBORDINATE CLAUSE because she likes hot beverages

COMPOUND SENTENCE My mom will drink tea, but she prefers coffee.

COMPLEX SENTENCE Because she likes hot beverages, my mom drinks coffee.

EXERCISE For each of the following sentences, underline each independent clause once and each subordinate clause twice. Then, identify the sentence by writing *CD* for *compound* or *CX* for *complex* on the line provided.

Example CX 1. Because the cardinal was bright red, I could see it clearly.

- _____ 1. When Abe Lincoln gave a stump speech, he stood on a real stump.
- _____ 2. Many trees lose their leaves in the fall, and they look cold and forlorn.
- _____ 3. When we lived in southern Maryland, we visited Annapolis often.
- _____ 4. Brian is mild tempered, and he makes friends easily.
- _____ 5. If you move your knight to that square, I will capture him.
- _____ 6. My new wool sweater shrank when I washed it in hot water.
- _____ 7. Don't give me any excuses; I don't want to hear them!
- _____ 8. If I wash the dishes, will you cook the meal?
- _____ 9. Cameron, who is my cousin, is the new captain of the soccer team.
- _____ 10. I dropped my sandwich on the floor, so I threw it in the garbage.
- _____ 11. The movie was really scary, yet I could not stop watching.
- _____ 12. Janet Jackson, whose music I enjoy, will be in town next week.
- _____ 13. I washed the rug with detergent, but the red stain would not come out.
- _____ 14. Since you asked me nicely, I will lend you some paper for the test.
- _____ 15. Give your dog a bath, or do not let him inside the house.
- _____ 16. Call me tonight, and we'll make plans for the weekend.
- _____ 17. I'll ask my mother after she gets home from work.
- _____ 18. The book that he is reading is about ancient Egypt.
- _____ 19. My grandfather, whom I respect very much, will be ninety this summer.
- _____ 20. Jane is eager to begin her new music class, but she'll have to wait another week.